

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
JANUARY 19, 2016

Mayor James D. Lienhoop called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Senior Pastor Dan Mitchell with The Sanctuary Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lienhoop.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Elaine Wagner, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Timothy Shuffett, and Thomas Dell were present. Laurie Booher arrived during Item A. of Unfinished Business.
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on December 15, 2015 as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six in favor and zero opposed. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the Common Council meeting minutes from January 4, 2016 as presented. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2016, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16, 2015 ENTITLED 2016 SALARY ORDINANCE." Mary Ferdon, Executive Director of Administration and Community Development, presented this ordinance. She explained amendments to the ordinance which include a title change for Executive Director of Administration / Community Development and salary increase maximum to \$82,600; title change of Executive Director of Public Works / City Engineer and salary increase maximum to \$92,000; and title change of Executive Administrative Assistant (Mayor's Office). Additional amendments include a contribution equal to Public Employees Retirement Funds payable to City Engineer, Dave Hayward, and Per Diem rate for School Guards increase to \$34.36 per guard per day. Councilor Miller reaffirmed his position that this is not the time to pass the raises and feels an overall comparison needs to be completed. Mary stated that a salary comparison is definitely in the plan. Councilor Booher asked if there was a time frame for a salary survey. Mary explained a goal is to provide Council with a strategic plan, which would include a projected time table for the salary evaluation. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Kristen Brown asked if the presentation from the January 4th Council meeting was available and stated none of the documents from that meeting were made available on the city's website until prior to the meeting. Mary Ferdon responded to Kristen, explaining the restructuring of department reporting. Ken Fudge reminded the Council that they work for the community and any presentation made at the City Council meeting should be made available to the public. He said there was no agenda posted. Russell Poling, 2915 Sassafras Lane, read a prepared statement. He agrees that Ms. Ferdon and Mr. Hayward are probably entitled to some increased compensation for what they have been asked to do, but he questions the timing based on the economy. Kristen Brown offered additional comments and read a prepared statement. City Attorney, Alan Whitted,

discussed the requirements for posting the date and time of the City Council meeting. He stated the meeting notice was posted properly. Councilor Jerome explained that the Council supported Kristen during her term as mayor by approving a full-time lawyer, changes to the position of fire chief, etc. Discussion followed. Lance Snider asked where to find the agenda on the website. Luann Welmer, City Clerk Treasurer, stated she could provide that information to him. Glenn Petri, 1614 27th Street, stated he was unable to find the January 4, 2016 agenda on the website. Deb Perr, 2760 West Carr Hill Road, indicated this is a huge transfer of power and is important to the citizens. She feels the amendment should be given more consideration. Councilor Booher asked what the public prefers. Deb Perr said she would personally prefer to see all of the salaries decided at one time. Councilor Dell specified this is basically a reorganization of how Mayor Lienhoop wants to structure his administration and shift responsibility in a systematic manner so that the department heads have a clearer vision and oversight in providing the services that everyone wants. He further stated, these efficiencies make good sense for implementation of the restructuring and might even save taxpayers money in the long run. Discussion followed. Mayor Lienhoop closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and two (2) opposed. Councilors Miller and Booher voted nay.

Mary Ferdon discussed the ordinance which was approved on a first reading on January 4, 2016 for an additional appropriation of funds for the increase in salaries. She stated through attrition and use of open positions the additional funds may be covered in the current budget. Mary explained she consulted with City Attorney, Alan Whitted, and is asking that this item be withdrawn. Councilor Jerome indicated that in the past, the action item was placed on the agenda and asked for the will of the Council. Discussion followed. The item will be placed on the February 2, 2016 agenda.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action


- A. Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM RS3 (RESIDENTIAL: SINGLE-FAMILY) TO Pc (PUBLIC / SEMI-PUBLIC FACILITIES WITH COMMITMENTS)." (The Sanctuary Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance by explaining this is a request by The Sanctuary to change the zoning on the property which is currently located at 3939 Central Avenue. He stated the area proposed for change is approximately 8.08 acres and is currently zoned RS3, which is medium density, single-family residential. The Sanctuary is requesting "P" public/semi-public facilities, which is typically used for churches, school, and government buildings. Jeff presented the decision criteria for the rezoning request, as well as displaying maps and photos of the area. He stated The Sanctuary plans to build an expansion on the north side of the property. Jeff explained the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded this rezoning application to the Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of eight in favor and zero opposed. The Plan Commission attached two commitments to the rezoning: 1) access on Pawnee Trail shall be emergency access only and 2) the uses of the property are to be restricted to those which were deemed most compatible with the adjacent residential neighborhood. Councilor Booher asked if there were any concerns of a change in property value. Jeff stated most of the discussion at the Plan Commission focused on traffic and not property values. Councilor Miller questioned if one side of Pinewood Drive would be designated as non-parking. Jeff explained the Plan Commission had the same discussion and would forward the parking

designations to Board of Public Works and Safety for their review. Much discussion followed. Dan Mitchell, Senior Pastor, and Marvin Mitchell, Pastor, both with The Sanctuary, presented the church's vision for expansion of their facilities and parking areas. They provided Council members with pamphlets that included high level conceptual drawings of the campus, as well as a traffic impact analysis. Marvin Mitchell stated the church is partnering with Eidos Architects in Indianapolis. Mayor Lienhoop opened the meeting for public comment. Billy Zaring stated he lives across the street to the west and agrees that traffic is not a problem in the area. Julie Del Genio, 2094 Oneida Court, feels the renovation of The Sanctuary will be gorgeous and will add to the property values of the subdivision. She shared concerns with adding two access points to the parking lot on a purely residential street, Pinewood Drive. She feels this will generate too much traffic with children in the neighborhood. Discussion followed. Dave Hayward asked if The Sanctuary will be changing programs and/or adding conferences that would generate significant weekday traffic. Marvin stated they do not have plans to hold large gatherings during the week. Russell Poling, member of the Plan Commission, speaking for himself, stated if Council approves the rezoning then the Plan Commission will look very closely at traffic issues and buffering on the property. Mayor Lienhoop closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2016 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK-TREASURER TO MAKE A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-18-6." Matt Caldwell, Director of Operations and Finance, presented this resolution by explaining this is an administrative clean-up for the 27 pay cycle in 2015. He stated when reconciling the records it was noted that Community Development, Animal Care, and Human Resources fell short in the 100's (personal services) and a transfer from the 300's (other services and charges) is necessary. Matt explained this is not an additional appropriation of funds. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Bunch made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - None
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**
- C. Discussion – Wayne Tapscott of Ninth Street provided Council with information regarding a home in his neighborhood that is considered to be a public nuisance.
- D. Councilor Bunch made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:03 P.M


Presiding Officer

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus